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Prescribed Burn Planned on Thunder Basin National Grassland Near Weston

(Douglas, WY. - March 12, 2013) – U.S. Forest Service fire crews are planning to conduct a prescribed burn on the Thunder Basin National Grassland near Weston, Wyo. Pending favorable weather conditions, the “Pappy’s Pasture Prescribed Burn” may be implemented as early as March 14. The community site of Weston is located approximately 30 miles north of Gillette, Wyo. on Wyoming Highway 59.

Approximately 200 acres of grassland vegetation are targeted for burning to accomplish multiple natural resource objectives. Specifically, the burn is intended to reduce crested wheatgrass while promoting native grasses, reduce hazardous fuels, and improve habitat for wildlife such as sharp-tailed grouse.

Fire managers will coordinate the timing of the burn with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to ensure that conditions allow for sufficient smoke dispersal. However, the public is advised that smoke will be visible from Weston and surrounding areas.

Once it is determined that conditions are appropriate to safely and effectively conduct the burn, burning operations would occur over the course of one day. Fire crews will then monitor conditions on-site to ensure that the fire is completely out before leaving the area.

For more specific information about this project, contact Clay Westbrook or Shay Rogge at the Douglas Ranger District (307-358-4690). More information about this and other projects can be found on the following website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the MBRTB on Twitter, **@MBRNFsTBNG**.

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